













## Extracts.

## FIMMENTO.

I was young and green when I married my wife, And fondly thought it true, I married but one for the rest of my life, But found very soon it was two.

The one who was living and soft as the down, With grace for a smile to send, The bare of my life from the second was drawn— Her mother, my mother-in-law.

At breakfast and dinner, and supper and tea, Her first made the crockery clink; Though speaking she thought, I was forced to be mute Her lungs were of leather, I think.

The happiest day of my life, or about, This lifted my spirit like yeast, Was the one when my mother-in-law perished out, And then the old lady deceased.

I feared the old lady might yet be returned— I've heard, such cases related— And felt it was safe to have her returned, And so I had her created.

Our children are married to all of our friends; They never saw children any more; I'll tell you the secret, just feed your old ones On the dust of your mother-in-law.

Our stevedores and our carriers are paid by each guest, We write at their kindly expense, For I guess that our guests have never yet groined, The price of her dust was the cause.

The Arabian spices which perfume their air, Are really in flavor quite poor, Compared to the spices we husbands can raise From a cremated mother-in-law!

## A LOVING SCHOOLMASTER.

Another incident illustrative of the perils of daily life in Val Presnieres, was related to me by Mr. Milson, while passing the scene of the mud and rock avalanches so common in the valley. Etienne Baridon, a member of the same Les Ribes family, an intelligent young man, disabled for ordinary work by lameness and deformity, occupied himself in teaching the children in the Protestant school at Valpresnieres, whither he walked daily, accompanied by the pupils from Les Ribes. One day, a heavy thunderstorm burst over the valley, and sent down an avalanche of mud, debris and boulders, which rolled eddies across the valley and extended to the river. The schoolmaster, who was passing the school at the time, was struck by the avalanche, and he was accordingly urged to stay over the night with the children. But thinking of the anxiety of his parents, he determined to guide them back over the fall of rocks if possible. Arrived at the place, he found the mass still on the move, rolling slowly down in a ridge of from ten to twenty feet high towards the river. Supported by a stout staff, the lame Baridon, took first one child and then another upon his humpback and contrived to carry them across in safety; but while making his last journey with the last child, his foot slipped and his leg got badly crushed among a still-rolling stone. He was, however, able to extricate himself, and reached Les Ribes in safety with all the children. "This Etienne," concluded Mr. Milson, "was really a noble fellow, and his poor deformed body covered the soul of a hero."—*Evans, "Huguenots in France."*

## INCIDENTS OF HIMALAYAN TRAVEL.

Stepping to rest a little, about midnight, I was awakened by a noise, and a woman who came out of the darkness, seated herself behind me, and said in English, "Who are you?" I had a suspicion who my friend was, but put a similar question to him; on which he replied, not without a certain dignity, "I am the Rajah of Bussahir." This Bussahir, which includes Kumaon, and extends up the Sutlej valley to Chitaval, is the state in which I am travelling. Its products are opium, grain, and woolen manufactures, and it has a population of 90,000; and a nominal revenue of 50,000 rupees; but the sums drawn from it in one way or another, by Government officers, must considerably exceed that amount. Its rajah was exceedingly affable, and his courtiers as well known, and have been so often alluded to, that I hope there is no harm in saying that on this occasion he was not untrue to his character. I found him, however, to be a very agreeable man, and he is extremely well-meaning—so much so, as to be desirous of having done his sovereignty if only he could. He was, however, not desirous enough to accept it from him, and give him a pension instead. But there were much more governed states than Bussahir, notwithstanding the effects on its amiable and intelligent rajah of a partial and ill-adjusted English education, in which undue importance was assigned to the use of brandy. He caused some alarm among my people by insisting on handing my revolver, which was loaded; but he soon afterwards that he knew how to use it with extraordinary skill for, on a lighted candle being put up for him to fire at about thirty paces off, though he could scarcely stand by this time, yet he managed, somehow or other, to prop himself up against a tree, and scuffed off the candle at the first shot. On the whole, the rajah made a very favorable impression upon me, despite his peculiarity; if such it may be called—and my natural interview with him under huge trees in the middle of a dark wet night, remains a very curious and pleasant recollection. The other incident was of a more serious character, and illustrated a danger which every year carries off a certain number of the hillmen. Standing below the bungalow at Serhan, I noticed some men, who were ascending to their village, rising against each other on the grassy ground of a precipice that rose above the road leading to Gaura. One of them unfortunately lost his footing, slipped a little on the edge, and then went over the precipice, striking the road below with a tremendous thud after a short descent clear fall of hundreds of feet, and then rebounding from off the road, and falling about a hundred feet into a ravine below. I had to go round a ravine some way in order to reach him, so that when I did so he was not only dead, but nearly cold, and the wound was a ghastly sight, but I did not think it was there was no indication of the cause of his death. The rapidity of his descent through the air must have made him so far from the ground as to prevent that contraction of the muscles which is the great cause of bones being broken; and then the tremendous concussion when he struck the road must have knocked every particle of life out of him at the first shot. His brother, his polyandric brother, as it turned out, though polyandry only commences at Serhan, a woman and a Hindu institution, but the two religions are mixed up a little at the points of contact—reached the body about the same time as I did, and threw himself upon his brother and lamented. I wished to try the effect of some very strong ammonia, but the brother objected to this, because, while probably it would have been of no use, it would have defiled the dead, according to his religious ideas. The only other sympathy I could display was the rather coarse one of paying the people of Serhan, who showed no indication of giving assistance, for carrying the corpse up to the village; but the brother, who understood Hindustani, preferred to take the money himself, in order to purchase wood for the funeral pyre. He was a large strong man, whereas the deceased was little and slight, so he wrapped the dead body in his plaid, and slung it over his shoulders. There was something almost comic, but as exceedingly pathetic, in the way in which he toiled up the mountain with his sad burden, wailing and weeping over it whenever he stopped to rest, and kissing the cold face. —*Blackwood's Magazine for November.*

## Insurance.

## QUERN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Underwritten, having been appointed Agents for the above Company, are prepared to GRANT INSURANCES at Current Rates.

Agents, **MELOHRS & Co.**,  
1780 Hongkong, 28th October, 1874.

## LONDON AND PROVINCIAL MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Underwritten, having been appointed Agents for the above Company, are prepared to GRANT INSURANCES at Current Rates.

Agents, **AUGUSTINE HEARD & Co.**,  
471 Hongkong, 1st March, 1874.

## COMMERCIAL UNION ASSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Underwritten, Agents at Hongkong for the above Company, are prepared to GRANT INSURANCES at Current Rates.

Agents, **EDWARD NORTON & Co.**,  
1780 Hongkong, 28th May, 1874.

## LIVERPOOL AND LONDON AND GLOBE INSURANCE COMPANY.

FROM this date, until further notice, the current rate of twenty per cent. (20%) upon the current local rates of premium will be allowed upon insurances effected with this Company.

Agents, **DOUGLAS LAFAIR & Co.**,  
1163 Hongkong, 27th June, 1874.

## TRANSATLANTIC FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HAMBURG.

THE Underwritten, Agents at Hongkong for the above Company, are prepared to GRANT INSURANCES at Current Rates.

Agents, **SIEMSEN & Co.**,  
39 Hongkong, 15th November, 1874.

## CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY, (LIMITED).

POLICIES granted at current rates on Marine risks to all parts of the world. Articles of Association, Two-thirds of the Profits are distributed annually to Contributors, whether Shareholders or not, in proportion to the net amount contributed by each, the remaining third being carried to Reserve Fund.

Agents, **OLYMPHANT & Co.**,  
561 Hongkong, 17th April, 1875.

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Agents, **OLYMPHANT & Co.**,  
561 Hongkong, 17th April, 1875.

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## Insurance.

## ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Underwritten, having been appointed Agents for the above Company, are prepared to GRANT INSURANCES at Current Rates.

Agents, **MELOHRS & Co.**,  
1780 Hongkong, 28th October, 1874.

## THE SECOND COLONIAL SEA AND FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HAMBURG.

THE Underwritten, having been appointed Agents for the above Company, are prepared to GRANT INSURANCES at Current Rates.

Agents, **SIEMSEN & Co.**,  
1028 Hongkong, 1st July, 1874.

## THE SWISS LLOYD'S TRANSPORT INSURANCE COMPANY, WINTERTHUR.

Subscribed Capital, \$1,000,000  
Guarantee with French Lloyd, Paris, \$1,400,000  
AID WITH \$1,000,000  
Total \$3,400,000

Agents, **SIEMSEN & Co.**,  
1028 Hongkong, 1st July, 1874.

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THE Underwritten, Agents for the above Company, are prepared to GRANT INSURANCES at Current Rates.

Agents, **VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.**,  
1048 Hongkong, 1st September, 1874.

## IMPERIAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Underwritten, Agents for the above Company, are prepared to GRANT INSURANCES at Current Rates.

Agents, **GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.**,  
388 Hongkong, 1st March, 1874.

## YANGTSE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION OF SHANGHAI.

ON and after this date the above Association will allow a Brokerage of THIRTY-THREE AND ONE-THIRD PER CENT. (33 1/3%) on Local Risks only.

Agents, **RUSSELL & Co.**,  
1800 Hongkong, 4th June, 1874.

## BATAVIA SEA AND FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

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1800 Hongkong, 4th June, 1874.

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## Insurance.

## POSITIVE GOVERNMENT SECURITY LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

OHAS. H. MORGAN  
1943 Hongkong, 18th June, 1874.

## SUN FIRE OFFICE.

THE Underwritten is prepared to Grant Policies against Fire to the extent of \$45,000 on First-class Risks.

A Discount of Twenty per cent. (20%) upon the Current Local Rate of Premium will be allowed upon insurances effected with this Office.

Agents, **DOUGLAS LAFAIR & Co.**,  
1163 Hongkong, 26th August, 1874.

## PHENIX FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Underwritten, having been appointed Agents for the above Company, are prepared to GRANT INSURANCES at Current Rates.

Agents, **DOUGLAS LAFAIR & Co.**,  
1163 Hongkong, 26th August, 1874.

## YANGTSE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION OF SHANGHAI.

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Agents, **RUSSELL & Co.**,  
1800 Hongkong, 4th June, 1874.

## CAPITAL AND SURPLUS \$800,000 TABLE.

POLICIES granted on Marine Risks to all parts of the world, at current rates.

Agents, **RUSSELL & Co.**,  
1800 Hongkong, 4th June, 1874.

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